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## FOREWORD

TODAY a new Law Journal can expect a legitimate demand that it justify its existence in terms of previously unmet needs. Behind the decision to establish the *University of Ghana Law Journal* stands an awareness of two such needs. The first arises out of the long-standing neglect of the law of this country by legal scholars. The legislators, judges and lawyers of Ghana will be aided in their important tasks by a scholarly journal concerned primarily with Ghanaian law and legal development. The second need is educational. The opportunity to do research with the prospect of publication of the fruits of the effort can provide the most significant educational experience of a student's career. Attention to these needs will not, however, restrict the scope of the journal. Emphasis on the law of Ghana will occur in a broad, comparative framework. Student writing will be supplemented by the contributions of senior scholars on this Faculty and elsewhere.

The foundations of the *University of Ghana Law Journal* are found in the keen awareness of my predecessor, Professor J. H. A. Lang, of the need for such a publication. With Professor Lang's encouragement and support, the *Legon Law Journal* in cyclostyled form appeared in 1962 under the editorship of a student group: Messrs. L. O. Cantey, J. K. Kaleo-Bioh, T. S. Komey, L. Hesse and N. E. Ampere. My colleagues and I pay grateful tribute to these pioneering efforts.

All readers who are interested in the development of law in Africa will, I am sure, join me in wishing the *University of Ghana Law Journal* a long, useful and distinguished life.

WILLIAM B. HARVEY,

*Dean of the Faculty of Law.*

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